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The Honorable G. Mennen Williams *CONF*  
Assistant Secretary for African Affairs  
The Department of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Governor Williams:

I was very pleased to hear from  that you have very generously consented to address the first session of our Mid-career Course. This will provide the course with an unsurpassed opportunity for a direct insight into Africa, and we would suggest that you deal with the topic, "Developments in Africa." The time that has been tentatively set aside for your talk is 1115-1300 on 7 November, and the arrangements will be confirmed with your office at a later date.

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We consider the Midcareer Course, of which this is the first running, to be one of the most important developments in our training cycle and we equate the level of the students attending it to those of the Service War Colleges. It is a six weeks' course, the first week of which is devoted to Agency affairs, the second week to managerial problems, and the second two-week period to a presentation by the Brookings Institution on the U. S. Government. The final two weeks is designed to give the students a broad picture of current world problems.

The Midcareer Course is the core of the Midcareer Program through which carefully selected officers will progress on their way to senior executive positions. In other words, those who are attending the course are individuals who, based upon their performance to date, are viewed as likely candidates to take over the top positions of the Agency.

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We are very grateful to you for your willingness to participate  
and look forward to hearing your presentation.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Lyman B. Kirkpatrick

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Executive Director

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